

HUSKY TRAINING

Siberian Husky Owner Guide



Husky Training: What's Different

Siberian Husky training has a deserved reputation for being maddening. Huskies were bred for 1,000 years to run independently, ignore distractions, and make their own decisions in extreme conditions. Training them is not impossible — it requires understanding that 'stubbornness' is actually an evolutionary feature, not a flaw, and using motivation rather than commands as the foundation.

3 truths every Husky owner needs

- **Off-leash recall is unrealistic for most Huskies.** The prey drive overrides training in open environments. Long lines (20-30 ft) and fenced spaces are practical necessities, not training failures.
- **Motivation beats repetition.** Huskies don't care about pleasing you for its own sake. Find what they value (real meat, running, weight pull) and use it as the only currency that matters.
- **Containment is non-negotiable.** Huskies are notorious escape artists. Reinforced fencing, secure gates, and never trusting an open door are part of life with this breed.

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The 12-Week Husky Training Plan

Designed for an 8-week-old Husky puppy. Sessions are 5-15 minutes (longer as the puppy ages). Three sessions per day minimum.

Weeks	Focus	New Commands
1-2 (8-10 wk)	Crate, name, sit, bite inhibition	Sit, name, crate
3-4 (10-12 wk)	Recall on long line + leash intro	Come (long line), leash
5-6 (12-14 wk)	Down, Leave it, structured walks	Down, Leave it
7-8 (14-16 wk)	Heel, Place, focus exercises	Heel, Place, Watch me
9-10 (16-18 wk)	Distraction proofing in fenced areas	Stay (1 min), Off
11-12 (18-20 wk)	Long-line recall in open areas	Recall (open, long line)

The Husky Recall Reality

Husky recall is a safety issue, not a niceness issue. A Husky with unreliable recall should never be off-leash in an unfenced area. Period. They've been found over 100 miles from home after chasing scent or prey. The protocol below builds reliable recall in CONTROLLED environments — never expect it to transfer to open areas.

- Stage 1: 6-foot leash in low-distraction indoor environments. High-value treats every recall.
- Stage 2: 20-foot long line in fenced yard. Recall every 30 seconds during walks.
- Stage 3: 30-foot long line in low-distraction outdoor areas (early morning, no other dogs).
- Stage 4: Long line dragging in fully fenced dog parks (when empty).
- Stage 5: Off-leash ONLY in fully fenced spaces. Never in open areas.
- Most Husky trainers consider Stage 5 the maximum realistic goal for the breed.

Why this works

You're building two things: reliable recall in CONTROLLED environments (achievable) and a habit of checking in with you regularly (which makes the Husky safer when an unfenced encounter happens). You're not building 'reliable off-leash freedom' — that's a different goal that's not realistic for this breed.

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5 Most Common Husky Training Mistakes

Avoid these and you avoid 80% of Husky problems:

- **1. Expecting traditional obedience.** Huskies score #77 in obedience intelligence. They're not slow learners — they're independent thinkers who calculate whether your command is worth following.
- **2. Insufficient exercise.** A Husky needs 2+ hours of vigorous daily activity. Walk-only households produce destructive Huskies.
- **3. Relying on punishment.** Harsh corrections shut Huskies down or make them more defiant. Positive reinforcement with very high-value rewards is the only effective approach.
- **4. Trusting them off-leash.** Even a well-trained Husky will chase prey for miles. Don't risk it.
- **5. Inadequate containment.** Standard 4-ft fences = escaped Husky. Plan for 6-ft minimum, fully secured.

Where to Go From Here

This 12-week plan covers the foundation. After that, your Husky has the basics to build on for the next 12-24 months. Most Huskys reach mental maturity around age 2-3.

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